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Under Observer Program regulations at 50 CFR 679.51(a)(4), the owner of a trawl catcher vessel may annually request the catcher vessel to be placed in the full observer coverage category for all directed fishing for groundfish using trawl gear in the BSAI management area for the upcoming year.

For the 2018 calendar year, NMFS has placed the following 34 catcher vessels in the full observer coverage category for all directed fishing for groundfish using trawl gear in the BSAI management area:

| Vessel Name | FFP | Vessel Name | FFP |
|--------------------|------|------------------|------|
| AMERICAN BEAUTY | 1688 | OCEAN HARVESTER | 5130 |
| AMERICAN EAGLE | 434 | OCEAN HOPE 3 | 1623 |
| ANITA J | 1913 | PACIFIC EXPLORER | 3010 |
| CAITLIN ANN | 3800 | PACIFIC VIKING | 422 |
| COMMODORE | 2657 | PATRICIA L | 1164 |
| DOMINATOR | 411 | PROGRESS | 512 |
| ELIZABETH F | 823 | ROYAL AMERICAN | 543 |
| GLADIATOR | 1318 | ROYAL ATLANTIC | 236 |
| GOLD RUSH | 1868 | SEADAWN | 2059 |
| GOLDEN DAWN | 1292 | STAR FISH | 1167 |
| HALF MOON BAY | 249 | STARWARD | 417 |
| HICKORY WIND | 993 | STORM PETREL | 1641 |
| MARGARET LYN | 723 | SUNSET BAY | 251 |
| MARK I | 1242 | TRAVELER | 3404 |
| NORDIC FURY | 1094 | VIKING | 1222 |
| NORTHWEST EXPLORER | 3002 | WALTER N | 825 |
| OCEAN EXPLORER | 3011 | WESTWARD I | 1650 |

Pursuant to regulations at 50 CFR 679.50, a catcher vessel delivering unsorted codends to a mothership is not subject to observer coverage requirements at 50 CFR 679.51.

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